

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/05/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-10,12-15,19,22-27,29-32 (renumbered 1-23).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendments filed July 5, 2007.
2. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-15, 19, 22-27, and 29-32 have been examined and now are being allowed (renumbered 1-23).

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. As Applicants pointed out in the Remarks, the prior art of record (Mellen-Garnett et al., US Patent No. 6,094,688; Cutlip, "Business process integration with IBM CrossWorlds"; and Good et al., US Patent No. 5,574,917) do not disclose and/or fairly suggest newly added limitations in independent claims 1 and 19 (Remarks, pp. 8-13) such as:

a) *"receiving a first problem report from a first problem tracking tool ... wherein the first problem report has a first format ... converting the first problem report into a second format associated with a second problem tracking tool ... using a mapping configured to convert problem reports in the first format into the second format..."* (Remarks, page 11, second paragraph, emphasis added);

b) *"...wherein the mapping is defined in a mapping data structure comprising a plurality of mapping entries, wherein at least one mapping entry includes a wildcarded field, and wherein the first problem report is converted into the second format using the wildcarded field"* (Remarks, page 10, second to fifth paragraphs and page 11, emphasis added);

c) *"after forwarding the converted first problem report to the second problem tracking tool, detecting an update made in the first software development environment ... dynamically modifying the mapping in response to the detected update"* (Remarks, page 10, first paragraph and page 11, emphasis added);

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These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of and made of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims 1, 4-10, 12-15, 19, 22-27, and 29-32 are allowed (renumbered as 1-23).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone is (571) 272 8570. The examiner can normally be reached on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300.

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